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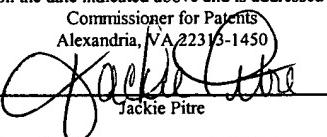
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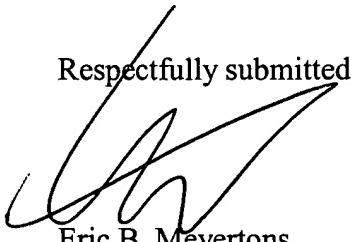
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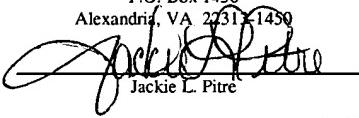
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Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and/or Applicant believes that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is incomplete.

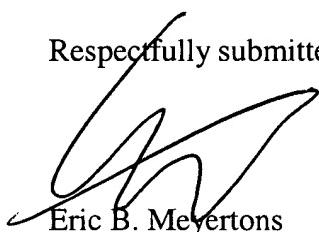
Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the cited references at least do not appear to teach or suggest combining a polymer dispersion with a clay mineral dispersion to form a clay-polymer dispersion. By way of further nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the cited references at least do not appear to teach or suggest a clay-polymer dispersion comprising less than 90% by weight of clay with

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respect to the weight of polymer in the clay-polymer dispersion.

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